

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 are pending. The foregoing amendment cancels Claims 25-35 without prejudice or disclaimer and amends Claims 1 and 20 to incorporate subject matter of cancelled claims. Claims 11 and 24 are placed in independent form, and Claims 3, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 17, and 21 are amended to address cosmetic matters of form. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Ohyama et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,995,467, and Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Ohyama et al. in view of Wu U.S. Patent No. 6,366,551. The outstanding Office Action also objected to Figures 1-5. Claims 11, 24 and 26 were indicated as reciting allowable subject matter.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 11, 24 and 26 are allowable. Claims 11 and 24 have been placed in independent form. Because independent Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to include all the limitations of Claims 25 and 26, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding rejections pertaining to the now pending claims have been rendered moot by the present amendment.

Regarding the drawing objection referring to the drawing legend, the foregoing amendment revises the legend Figures 1-5 to recite “background art.”

If the Examiner believes any additional format matter need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner’s convenience.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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